The CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will be providing free COVID test kits to municipalities for distribution to residents. Newtown is scheduled to receive approximately 3,400 test kits containing two tests in each kit. The purpose of this distribution is to provide test kits to be used this week to reduce the spread of the Omicron variant and to supplement existing testing. Primary focus is on the members of the public who have interacted with or who intend to interact with others whose COVID status may be unknown. Additional tests will be provided to school districts in early January.

There is a sign-up/registration to obtain a test kit. Click here to sign up. Each household can receive a maximum of two kits (note that each kit has 2 tests in it for a total of 4 tests per household). If you only need one, please only take one. Duplicate appointments will be canceled.

With a confirmed appointment test kits will be distributed on Friday, December 31st from 10 am to 2 pm at Reed School at the rear entrance/bus driveway. Access will be by following Trades Lane past the school's front entrance and then turning left on to Old Farm Road. There will be signs and personnel for direction.

Proof of residency and confirmed appointment will be required. Please **have your printed email confirmation** and your **ID** ready when you arrive at the distribution site. Please only arrive during your scheduled time slot. Tests will be distributed to registrants in their car, this is a drive-through distribution.

Newtown Emergency Management looks forward to distributing kits to residents, and wants to also preface this effort with the fact that there are not enough kits for every resident in Town. We understand that this may prove to be challenging, as all things Covid-19-related tend to be.

We will continue to communicate updates regarding future distributions of test kits and masks as details develop and become available.

ANYONE WITHOUT A VALID NEWTOWN ID and APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TESTS. PLEASE ENSURE WHOEVER IS PICKING UP THE TESTS HAS THIS INFORMATION.